

habitants of this immense Country of so many of the Blessings and Privileges of Englishmen ; and without rescinding, annulling, and rendering void the Proclamation.

In short, instead of encouraging the French Protestants, or our own protestant Subjects, we have discouraged them ; and invited Papists. Instead of giving these People a free and equal Government ; we have settled a despotic Government, by a President and Council of Seventeen : which (for ought that is said or implied to the Contrary) may consist of Seventeen People, wholly uninterested in the Welfare of the Colony. Instead of leaving these People the invaluable Privilege of making their own Laws ; they are to have their Laws made for them, by the Governor and this Council, all of whom will at best be Dependants on the Crown ; and probably subservient to the Governor, and may have very little, either Interest in, or Connection with the Province. Instead of giving Liberty and Freedom to the Canadians, and thereby a Taste of the Blessings of English Government ; we have not only enslaved them, but reduced